

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As an Internet Service Provider servicing more than 40,000 consumers in California, I feel compelled to convey to you how important independent ISPs are to providing access to this nation.

InReach provides service to cities and consumers that the ILECs have thus far ignored or left out. If you really want to mend the digital divide and ensure that reasonable prices and quality service are widely available then you must make certain that monopolies are not allowed to control access to wirelines and limit availability.

Please ensure that your rule making is fair and unbiased. It should require ILECs to maintain, support, and make widely available access to their lines so that ISPs can provide access where the ILECs fail to or choose not to.

There are a host of other issues associated with this rulemaking. I trust that you will do your due diligence and ensure that you are not making a decision solely based on who has the most money and makes the most noise.

Sincerely,

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